

HENRY CLIFDEN BURNUP

Born April 21, 1852, Died April 23, 1928

With the passing of Henry Clifden Burnup, Maritzburg lost a citizen of distinction, who during his long residence earned the respect of the entire community and the strong affection of the circle of friends who were privileged to know him most intimately.

Henry Burnup arrived in Natal in 1874, in the days when the steamer *Anglian*, on which he was a passenger, was the largest vessel of the old Union Line. For a number of years he followed his profession of accountant in Maritzburg, and after relinquishing his occupation he devoted himself wholly to what he regarded as his life's work, the pursuit and study of conchology.

The Burnup Collection in the Natal Museum—which is pre-eminently the finest collection of shells in South Africa—is the result of years of unceasing toil and patient research. This was entirely a labour of love, and the educative value of the collection is inestimable. The collection is a gift to the Museum of which he was one of the Trustees since its foundation in 1903. It will never be known to the many what the Burnup Collection represents in long and arduous days on foot, in all weathers, by mountain, stream and shore, and late nights of unceasing work. Mr. Burnup's correspondence was world-wide. His contributions to scientific periodicals show a deep knowledge of the science whose secrets he sought, and there are many hitherto unknown specimens in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington bearing his name. His scientific papers are models for their clarity and excellent illustration from his own drawings. He cleared up many doubtful points in South African conchology, and described many interesting new forms.

Early in the year it was apparent that some grave dis-

order was steadily reducing his strength. When its nature was made known to him he at once set himself the task of completing a work the extent of which was astonishing. Day after day, with rapidly failing strength, he was taken to his work at the Natal Museum, till, completely exhausted, he was able to look back with the satisfaction of knowing that he had reached a point from which others could complete the final stages.

Mr. Burnup was removed to the sanatorium where, after a few days of care and devoted attention from the staff and his closer friends, he passed away barely three days after his 76th birthday. As he lived his life so he faced the end—calm, undaunted and serenely cheerful.

RUTH MEANWELL.

DR. ANTONI J. WAGNER

The death of Dr. Antoni J. Wagner, Director of the Zoological Museum of Poland, has been announced. He was born in Ustron, Poland, in 1860, and died June 11th of this year. Dr. Wagner is the author of many useful papers on the mollusks of Austria and surrounding countries and of an important monograph on Helicinidae. The classification of this group was largely remodeled by his work, which emphasized characters of the operculum. Other less extensive monographic works dealt with Daudebardia and Pomatias. He was an eminent authority on European Clausiliidae, and had ably reviewed several groups of this family, at first in the Rossmassler-Kobelt Iconographie, but after the war and the suspension of this work on Kobelt's death, in a series of separate papers. It is a great loss to conchology that he did not live to finish his work on this intricate family.

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